

leaves 95 fewer seniors in Chicago with access to elderly housing and 493 fewer individuals suffering from HIV or AIDS with a roof over their heads. Where is the logic?

Mr. Chairman, my city of Chicago and HUD are wrestling with how best to tackle certain pressing problems which beset the Chicago Housing Authority. This situation calls for greater attention to and respect for the rights and needs of public housing residents. Unfortunately, H.R. 2099 greatly imperils these efforts.

However, the draconian cuts to the HUD budget are not the only reasons to oppose this drastic bill. Incredibly, H.R. 2099 goes further in slicing the EPA budget by 32 percent, or \$2.3 billion, and includes legislative riders to strictly limit or prohibit the EPA from enforcing or implementing provisions of the Clean Water and Clean Air Acts as well as food pesticide, toxic emissions, and water quality standards. In so doing, the health and safety of all Americans are immediately threatened. But what's new Mr. Chairman, these 200 plus days of the 104th Congress have been punctuated by GOP special interests winning out over the public well-being.

Finally, H.R. 2099 decimates veterans' health by slashing VA medical care by \$250 million, deletes funding for community development banks which provide desperately needed financial support to underserved communities, and eliminates the President's community service program which provides thousands of young Americans with an opportunity to attend college and secure their futures. At the same time H.R. 2099 provides over \$2 billion to fully fund the space station. Apparently, the Gingrich Republicans would rather float taxpayer dollars into a black hole above the earth than deal with the needs and concerns of the real people down here on the ground. I urge my colleagues to reject this ill-conceived legislation.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. DURBIN. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Chairman, as I understand it, we have an agreement as to the length of debate on this amendment and the written understanding which was given to both sides says we shall continue to take amendments and vote until 3 p.m. today. It is 2:35. Why are you trying to stop us from taking that rollcall on this amendment?

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair would state that the gentleman is not asking a parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. DURBIN. Let me ask it in parliamentary terms.

Did the Chair not rule it would continue the business of the house under the ordinary rules until 3 p.m.?

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair must entertain a privileged motion.

The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY].

The question was taken; and the Chairman announced that the noes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 258, noes 148, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 600]

YEAS—258

Allard	Ganske	Myrick
Archer	Gekas	Nethercutt
Armey	Geren	Neumann
Bachus	Gilchrest	Ney
Baessler	Gillmor	Norwood
Baker (CA)	Gilman	Nussle
Baker (LA)	Goodlatte	Orton
Ballenger	Goodling	Oxley
Barcia	Gordon	Packard
Barr	Goss	Parker
Barrett (NE)	Graham	Paxon
Bartlett	Greenwood	Peterson (FL)
Barton	Gunderson	Peterson (MN)
Bass	Gutierrez	Petri
Bereuter	Gutknecht	Pombo
Bevill	Hall (TX)	Porter
Bilbray	Hancock	Portman
Bilirakis	Hansen	Pryce
Biley	Hastert	Radanovich
Blute	Hastings (WA)	Ramstad
Boehlert	Hayes	Regula
Boehner	Hayworth	Riggs
Bonilla	Hefley	Rivers
Bono	Heineman	Roberts
Browder	Herger	Rogers
Brownback	Hilleary	Rohrabacher
Bryant (TN)	Hobson	Ros-Lehtinen
Bunn	Hoekstra	Roth
Bunning	Hoke	Roukema
Burr	Holden	Royce
Burton	Horn	Salmon
Buyer	Hostettler	Sanford
Callahan	Houghton	Saxton
Camp	Hunter	Scarborough
Canady	Hutchinson	Schaefer
Castle	Hyde	Schiff
Chabot	Inglis	Seastrand
Chambliss	Jacobs	Sensenbrenner
Chapman	Jefferson	Shadegg
Chenoweth	Johnson (CT)	Shaw
Christensen	Johnson, Sam	Shays
Chrysler	Jones	Shuster
Clay	Kanjorski	Sisisky
Clinger	Kasich	Skeen
Coble	Kelly	Smith (MI)
Coburn	Kim	Smith (NJ)
Collins (GA)	King	Smith (TX)
Combest	Kingston	Smith (WA)
Condit	Klink	Solomon
Conyers	Klug	Souder
Cooley	Knollenberg	Spence
Cox	Kolbe	Stearns
Cramer	LaHood	Stenholm
Crane	Latham	Stump
Crapo	LaTourette	Stupak
Cubin	Laughlin	Talent
Cunningham	Lazio	Tate
Davis	Leach	Tauzin
Deal	Lewis (CA)	Taylor (MS)
DeLay	Lewis (KY)	Thomas
Diaz-Balart	Lightfoot	Thornberry
Dickey	Linder	Thornton
Doolittle	Livingston	Tiahrt
Dreier	LoBiondo	Torkildsen
Duncan	Lucas	Trafilant
Dunn	Manzullo	Upton
Ehlers	Martinez	Volkmer
Ehrlich	Martini	Vucanovich
Emerson	McCollum	Waldholtz
English	McCrery	Walker
Everett	McDade	Walsh
Ewing	McHugh	Wamp
Fawell	McInnis	Watts (OK)
Fields (LA)	McIntosh	Weldon (FL)
Fields (TX)	McKeon	Weldon (PA)
Flanagan	Metcalfe	Weller
Foley	Mica	White
Forbes	Miller (CA)	Whitfield
Fowler	Miller (FL)	Wicker
Fox	Molinari	Williams
Franks (CT)	Montgomery	Wilson
Franks (NJ)	Moorhead	Wolf
Frelinghuysen	Moran	Young (AK)
Frisa	Morella	Young (FL)
Funderburk	Murtha	Zeliff
Galgely	Myers	Zimmer

NAYS—148

Abercrombie	Baldacci	Beilenson
Ackerman	Barrett (WI)	Bentsen
Andrews	Becerra	Bishop

Bonior	Harman	Payne (NJ)
Borski	Hastings (FL)	Payne (VA)
Boucher	Hefner	Pelosi
Brown (CA)	Hilliard	Pomeroy
Brown (FL)	Hinchey	Poshard
Brown (OH)	Hoyer	Rahall
Bryant (TX)	Jackson-Lee	Rangel
Cardin	Johnson (SD)	Reed
Clayton	Johnson, E. B.	Richardson
Clement	Kaptur	Roemer
Coleman	Kennedy (MA)	Rose
Collins (IL)	Kennedy (RI)	Roybal-Allard
Costello	Kennelly	Rush
Coyne	Kildee	Sabo
Danner	Klecza	Sanders
de la Garza	Lantos	Sawyer
DeFazio	Levin	Schroeder
DeLauro	Lewis (GA)	Schumer
Dellums	Lincoln	Scott
Deutsch	Lipinski	Serrano
Dicks	Lofgren	Skaggs
Dingell	Lowey	Slaughter
Dixon	Luther	Spratt
Doggett	Maloney	Stark
Dooley	Manton	Stockman
Doyle	Markey	Stokes
Durbin	Mascara	Studds
Edwards	Matsui	Tejeda
Engel	McCarthy	Thompson
Ensign	McDermott	Thurman
Eshoo	McHale	Torres
Evans	Meek	Torricelli
Farr	Menendez	Towns
Fattah	Mfume	Tucker
Fazio	Mineta	Velazquez
Flake	Minge	Vento
Foglietta	Mink	Visclosky
Ford	Mollohan	Ward
Frank (MA)	Nadler	Waters
Frost	Neal	Watt (NC)
Furse	Oberstar	Waxman
Gejdenson	Obey	Wise
Gephardt	Olver	Woolsey
Gibbons	Ortiz	Wyden
Gonzalez	Owens	Wynn
Green	Pallone	
Hamilton	Pastor	

NOT VOTING—28

Bateman	Istook	Pickett
Berman	Johnston	Quillen
Brewster	LaFalce	Quinn
Calvert	Largent	Reynolds
Clyburn	Longley	Skelton
Collins (MI)	McKinney	Tanner
Creameans	McNulty	Taylor (NC)
Dornan	Meehan	Yates
Filner	Meyers	
Hall (OH)	Moakley	

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Mrs. KENNELLY, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Ms. FURSE, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. LOWEY changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) having assumed the chair, Mr. COMBEST, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2099) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. GEPHARDT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I have asked to proceed for 1 minute to inquire about the schedule for next week.

I yield to the distinguished majority leader, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] to inquire about the schedule for the rest of today and next week.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

We can advise all Members that there will be no more recorded votes today. The House will convene with special orders and upon the completion of special orders we will recess subject to the call of the Chair for the purpose of allowing the Committee on Rules to file rules later in the day.

There will be no more legislative business, nor votes today.

On Monday, July 31, the House will meet at 10:30 a.m. for morning hour and 12 p.m. for legislative business. We tentatively plan to consider two bills under suspension of the rules: H.R. 2017, the District of Columbia Highway Relief Act, is tentative, and legislation extending the expiration date of the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1994.

We then plan to complete the VA-HUD appropriations bill on Monday evening.

Today we would plan on moving S. 21, the Bosnia and Herzegovina Self-Defense Act, which is subject to a rule. Members should be advised that there will be no recorded votes taken before 5 p.m. on Monday.

The balance of the week the House will meet at 10 a.m. for legislative business to consider the fiscal year 1996 Labor-HHS appropriation bill, subject to a rule, and H.R. 1555, the Communications Act of 1995, also subject to a rule.

We hope to complete legislative business and have Members on their way home for the August district work period by no later than 3 p.m. on Friday.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I noted in his statement that the gentleman is planning at least tentatively to bring up the Bosnia legislation, S. 21, probably on Tuesday. I strongly hope, for what it is worth, that that is the case. We believe that this is obviously an important piece of legislation. We may or may not have an alternative, but we believe, even if we do not, that this legislation demands 4 or 5 hours of debate so that Members can be heard on it. It is of obvious importance for the country.

Then on Tuesday, obviously, I would hope that the gentleman would go ahead with the Labor-HHS bill and try to bring it to a fairly reasonably speedy conclusion. We have been working with the minority, as the gentleman knows, in trying to figure out how to do that on that bill.

Then the rest of the week could be given over to the telecommunications bill and would give it adequate time to be finished before the end of the week. If the Department of Defense appropriations bill could be figured out, that might also be able to be accomplished.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his observations. I think the gentleman outlines pretty nearly the way things are expected to go. I think all those suggestions are extremely meritorious. I would project as far as that there would be very little change from the program as the gentleman has outlined.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Obviously, with this much business, I take it we could let Members predict that we would be here into the evening most evenings of next week.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman for the observation. I think that is a fairly reliable prediction. I can, though, with even more certainty predict that they will be on their leave for their August work recess by 3 on Friday, August 4. That is, or course, the most important objective we have for the week's schedule.

Mr. GEPHARDT. I know how strongly the gentleman feels about that time and that date and how strongly all our colleagues feel about that time and that date. So we can safely predict without any qualification that we are going to leave on that time and that date; is that correct?

Mr. ARMEY. The gentleman is absolutely correct.

Mr. SABO. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GEPHARDT. I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota.

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, I would just suggest to the two leaders that there is a longtime traditional event on Tuesday evening whose time was cleared with the leadership months ago.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, what the gentleman refers to is of course something that we on our side look forward to with great anticipation, and we will certainly accommodate the schedule for this important event.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, we have got a pressing schedule next week. If the gentleman would like to stipulate that we win the game and you lose, we would be happy to do that. Then we would not even need to play.

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GEPHARDT. I yield to the gentleman from Mississippi.

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay a compliment to the majority leader, if that would be all right.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, absolutely.

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman very much for giving us the opportunity yesterday to go the Korean Memorial dedication. It worked out very well.

Then I would like to also comment, I hope the gentleman would consider from 9 to 9 that we have been talking about for a number of weeks now. I think it has a lot of merit, instead of coming in at 10, coming in at 9 and getting out at 9. We did set time limits for this past week and it worked pretty

well. So I hope the majority leader would consider this proposal.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, I want to thank the gentleman from Mississippi for his suggestion. I want to also agree. The gentleman from Mississippi has observed that time limits and debate, the flow of things did work well last week. But in all due respect, the credit for that goes to the floor managers that we have had working on the bills and the cooperation they have gotten from the membership, and with that kind of spirit of cooperation I think our floor managers will have a similar success next week.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GEPHARDT. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I see sitting next to the majority leader the gentleman from California, Chairman PACKARD. I assume he is about to file the legislative branch conference report. Could the gentleman tell us whether he expects that to come before us next week and when that might be?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, yes, we would try to find a way to put that on the floor and see if we can move it along next week.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Does the gentleman think it might be Wednesday, Thursday, before it would come to the floor? I am seeking a little information about timing.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I would hope maybe Wednesday.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. GEPHARDT. I thank the gentleman.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1854, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

Mr. PACKARD submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 1854) making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes:

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 104-212)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1854) "making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes," having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 4, 5, 6, 7, 15, 28, 29, 31, 37, 39, 42, 43, 44, 50, 51, 52, 53, and 54.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 3, 13, 17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 30, 33, 36, 38, 45, 46, and 47, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 1:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 1, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

Retain the matter proposed, amended as follows: